



IN THE ARID LANDS OF INTERIOR BRAZIL.

This photograph shows the type of vegetation through which the Brazilian Expedition traveled during its exploration of the catingas or dry lands of northeastern Brazil. It was taken near Joazeiro, on the Rio Sao Francisco, in the interior of the state of Bahia. While no cacti appear in this picture, several species are common in the region. During the very brief rainy season the vegetation comes into active growth, flowers, and produces seed. In the dry months which follow nearly all the plants drop their leaves and the country takes on an extremely desolate appearance. Among the plants of the catinga there are several of economic interest, notably the "imbu" (*Spondias tuberosa*) the golden, plum-like fruit of which plays an important part in the dietary of the natives: the "caroá" (*Neoglaziovia variegata*), a fiber plant which furnishes material for the manufacture of ropes and baskets. Photo No. 14936 by Dorsett, Shamel and Popenoe, Brazil, Feb. 22, 1914.